



February 1, 2006

Chairman William Proctor, Jr.
County Commission Chair
County Courthouse
300 S. Monroe
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Roadway Ownership transfers – Gaines Street Area

Dear Chairman Proctor:

As discussed at Wednesday's Mayor/Chair meeting the City of Tallahassee formally requests a "No Objection" letter from Leon County for the proposed transfer of roadway ownership from the State of Florida to the City of Tallahassee for the following roadways (shown on the attached illustration):

Gaines Street from Stadium Drive to Monroe Street consisting of four lanes and approximately 6,640 feet in length;

Pensacola Street from Chieftan Way to Monroe Street (which includes Jefferson Street between Duval and Monroe streets) consisting of two lanes and approximately 6,448 feet in length;

St. Augustine Street from Stadium Drive to Railroad Avenue consisting of two lanes and approximately 3,563 feet in length;

Madison Street from Railroad Avenue to Monroe Street consisting of three lanes and approximately 2,886 feet in length; and

Woodward Avenue from Gaines Street to Park Avenue consisting of two lanes and approximately 1,514 feet in length.

The City Commission and the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) have agreed to move forward with the transfer of State right-of-way to implement the alternative design for the Gaines Street roadway project. The City's most recent action was to adopt Resolution 04-R-15, which is required by the Florida Department of Transportation to precede executing a "roadway transfer agreement."

As you may recall, discussions at the CRTPA meeting regarding the Gaines Street project resulted in a request to have Wallace, Roberts & Todd, LLC, (WRT), the firm that had prepared the redevelopment plan for the area, conduct an evaluation of the plan as it pertained to roadway improvements as prepared at that time by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Upon accepting the report the CRTPA authorized the Chair to direct FDOT District 3 to desist from further design of the Gaines Street Roadway

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Improvement Project. Subsequently, staff had considered alternative designs, which had a lesser impact on adjacent properties than the design proposed by FDOT. Staff has confirmed that the transfer of state-owned roadways would be needed to implement any of the roadway designs now being considered (e.g., paired two-way streets or one-way pairs). Therefore the City is proceeding with the transfer of the roadways.

The transfer of these roadways will allow more flexibility in the design of the Gaines Street improvements which is supportive of the City's and the County's joint vision for the Gaines Street revitalization. The FDOT is, however, requesting a letter from Leon County stating that the County has no objection to the roadway transfers. This letter is a formal request for that "No Objection" letter from the County.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue please feel free to contact me or Gabriel Menendez, our Public Works Director at 891-8197.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Marks', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mayor John Marks
City of Tallahassee